

# *City of Madison, Alabama*

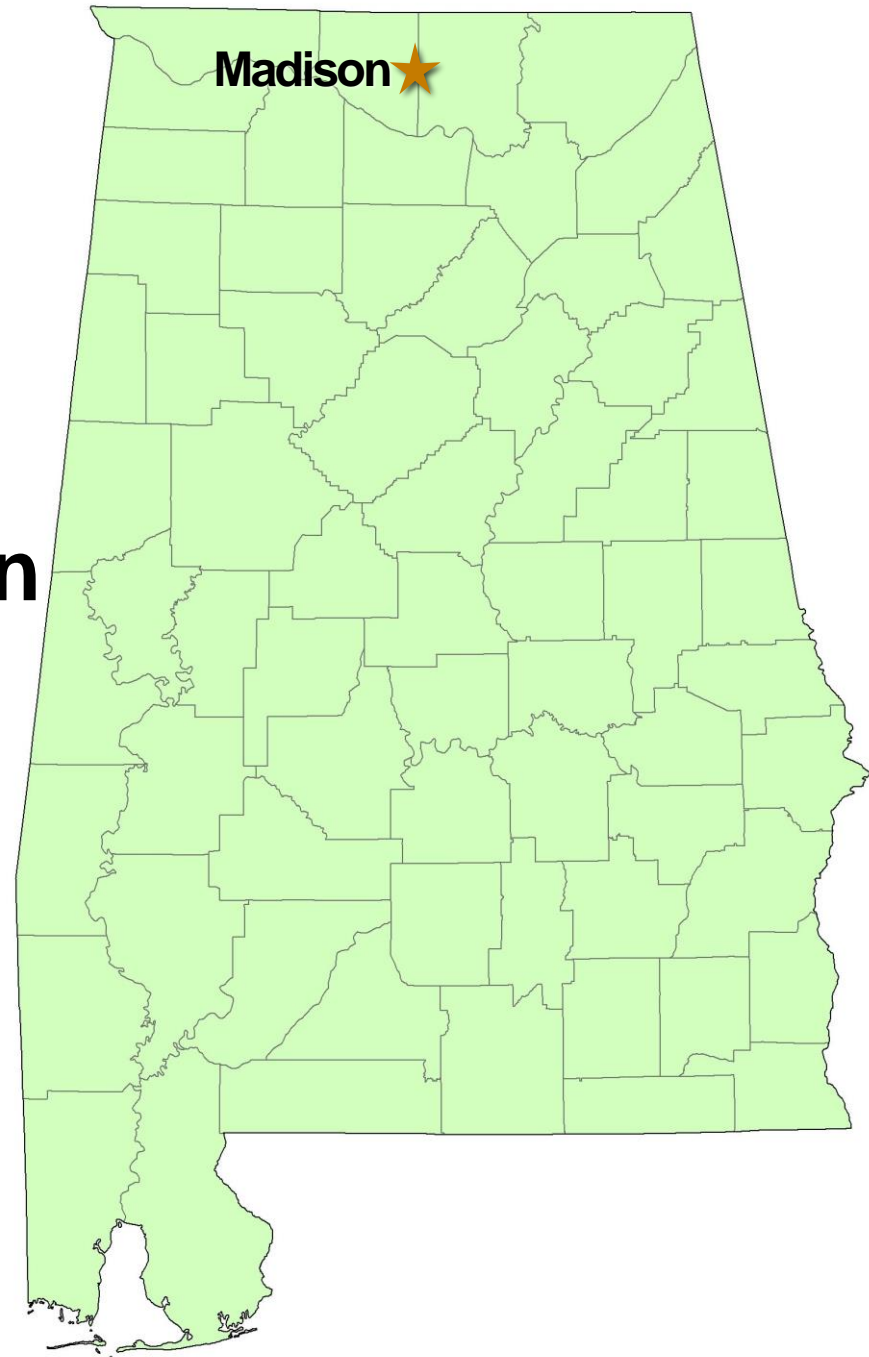
**Redistricting  
Benchmark Presentation  
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# *Redistricting Facts*

## *What is equal distribution?*

- The United States Constitution and the Department of Justice require equal distribution of the total population among all voting districts.
- Equal distribution applies to the one man/one vote principle.
- Equal distribution is considered to be a total population deviation of 10% or less between the smallest and largest populated voting districts as compared to the ideal population.

## *When is redistricting a concern?*

- Redistricting is likely needed following the release of decennial census data to address disproportionate change in population between voting districts.
- Redistricting is required after an annexation to address added population/territory in the existing districts.

## *When is redistricting required?*

- Redistricting is required when there is a deviation of **greater than 10%** in the total population between the smallest and largest populated voting districts as compared to the ideal population.

# *Five (5) Steps of the Redistricting Process*

- *Step 1:* Determine if Redistricting is necessary (benchmark plan)
- *Step 2 :* Provide Public Awareness and Seek Public Input
- *Step 3:* Develop a New Plan(s)
- *Step 4:* Provide for Public Review and Adoption
- *Step 5:* Implementation

# *Redistricting Process*

## *Step 1: Determine if Redistricting is necessary*

- Prepare a Benchmark Plan based on existing districts and 2010 Census block data
  - Calculate the ideal population per district which is equally distributed
  - Calculate the actual population per district
- Compare the ideal and actual population distribution per district
- Is redistricting necessary?
  - Redistricting is **NOT** required by the Department of Justice if the total population deviation between the ideal and actual population of the smallest and the largest populated district is **10% or less.**
  - Redistricting **IS** required by the Department of Justice if the population deviation between the ideal and actual population of the smallest and largest populated district is greater than **greater than 10%.**

# *Redistricting Process*

## *Step 2: Provide Public Awareness and Seek Public Input*

- Hold a Public Hearing
  - Inform the public of their rights to participate
  - Educate the public on the redistricting process, procedures, and criteria

# *Redistricting Process*

## *Step 3: Develop a New Plan*

- Required standards (Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, Dept of Justice)
  - Equal distribution of total population among the districts (10% or less deviation)
  - Does not have a racially discriminatory purpose or effect
  - Will not make minority voters worse off than they were prior to the change (the change will not be retrogressive)
- Additional standards employed by Slaughter & Associates
  - Incorporate public input and concerns
  - Avoid redistricting elected officials out of their district
  - Effectuate the least amount of change to existing boundaries
  - Avoid, if possible, moving groups of strong constituency out of a particular district
  - District boundaries should have visible lines of demarcation
  - Avoid, where possible, splitting Census blocks
  - Give consideration to polling places and precinct boundaries

# *Redistricting Process*

## *Step 4: Provide for Public Review and Adoption*

- Hold an additional public hearing to formally present the proposed Plan(s)
  - Gain public input and comments regarding the proposal
- Make necessary revisions to the proposed Plan(s)
- Choose the best Plan
- Formally adopt the redistricting Plan

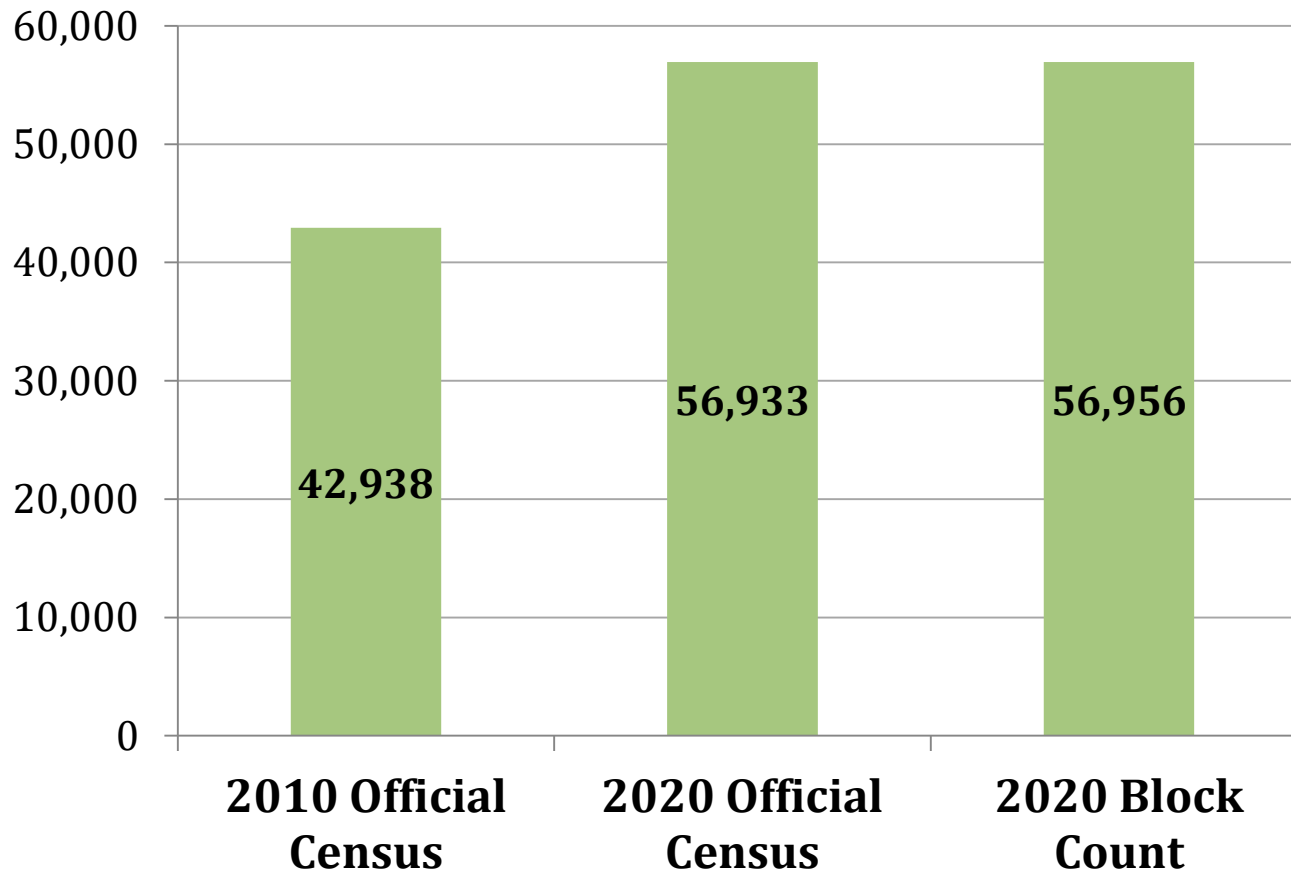
# *Redistricting Process*

## *Step 5: Implementation*

- Adoption of the Plan by the Board of Mayor and Councilmen
- Update voter rolls accordingly



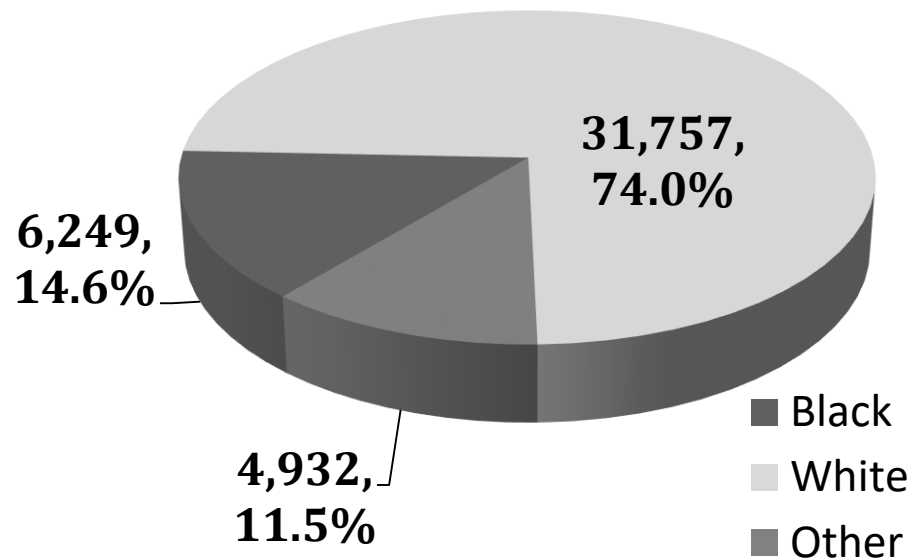
# City of Madison Population Change



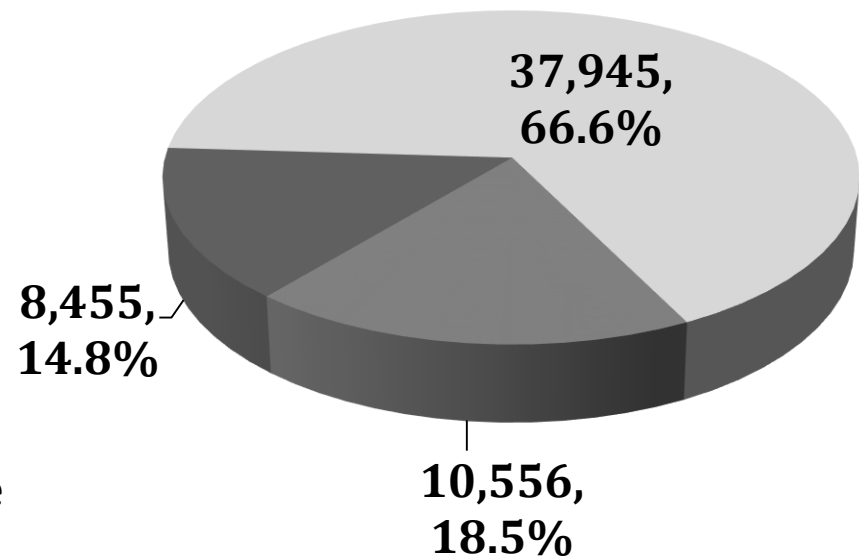
**Note:** The total population is slightly different from the Census official release due to split blocks along the city limit boundary. The US Census Bureau also had an incorrect boundary for the City limits which affected the population counts by block.

# City of Madison Racial Composition

**2010  
(Official Census)**



**2020  
(Block Count)**



**Note:** Other Race includes American Indian, Alaskan Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, Other Race and Two or more races

# City of Madison Benchmark Plan

Council Districts <sup>2</sup>	OVERALL POPULATION									
	Black		White		Other <sup>1</sup>		Total Population <sup>3</sup>	Ideal Population	Variance	
Existing District 1	1,474	20.7%	4,214	59.0%	1,449	20.3%	7,137	8,137	-1,000	-12.3%
Existing District 2	1,305	11.0%	8,318	70.0%	2,259	19.0%	11,882	8,137	3,745	46.0%
Existing District 3	1,360	20.2%	4,140	61.4%	1,240	18.4%	6,740	8,137	-1,397	-17.2%
Existing District 4	2,283	20.7%	6,431	58.4%	2,299	20.9%	11,013	8,137	2,876	35.4%
Existing District 5	434	7.1%	4,866	79.3%	839	13.7%	6,139	8,137	-1,998	-24.6%
Existing District 6	793	12.7%	4,403	70.4%	1,062	17.0%	6,258	8,137	-1,879	-23.1%
Existing District 7	806	10.4%	5,573	71.6%	1,408	18.1%	7,787	8,137	-350	-4.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	8,455	14.8%	37,945	66.6%	10,556	18.5%	56,956			

Total Deviation from Ideal District Size 70.6%

Council Districts <sup>2</sup>	VOTING AGE POPULATION						
	18+ Black		18+ White		18+ Other <sup>1</sup>		18+ Total
Existing District 1	1,027	20.3%	3,050	60.4%	974	19.3%	5,051
Existing District 2	945	11.6%	5,790	71.3%	1,384	17.0%	8,119
Existing District 3	1,002	19.2%	3,371	64.6%	847	16.2%	5,220
Existing District 4	1,619	21.1%	4,611	60.1%	1,443	18.8%	7,673
Existing District 5	341	7.2%	3,816	80.8%	564	11.9%	4,721
Existing District 6	580	12.0%	3,530	73.0%	723	15.0%	4,833
Existing District 7	624	10.7%	4,274	73.2%	941	16.1%	5,839
<b>TOTAL</b>	6,138	14.8%	28,442	68.6%	6,876	16.6%	41,456

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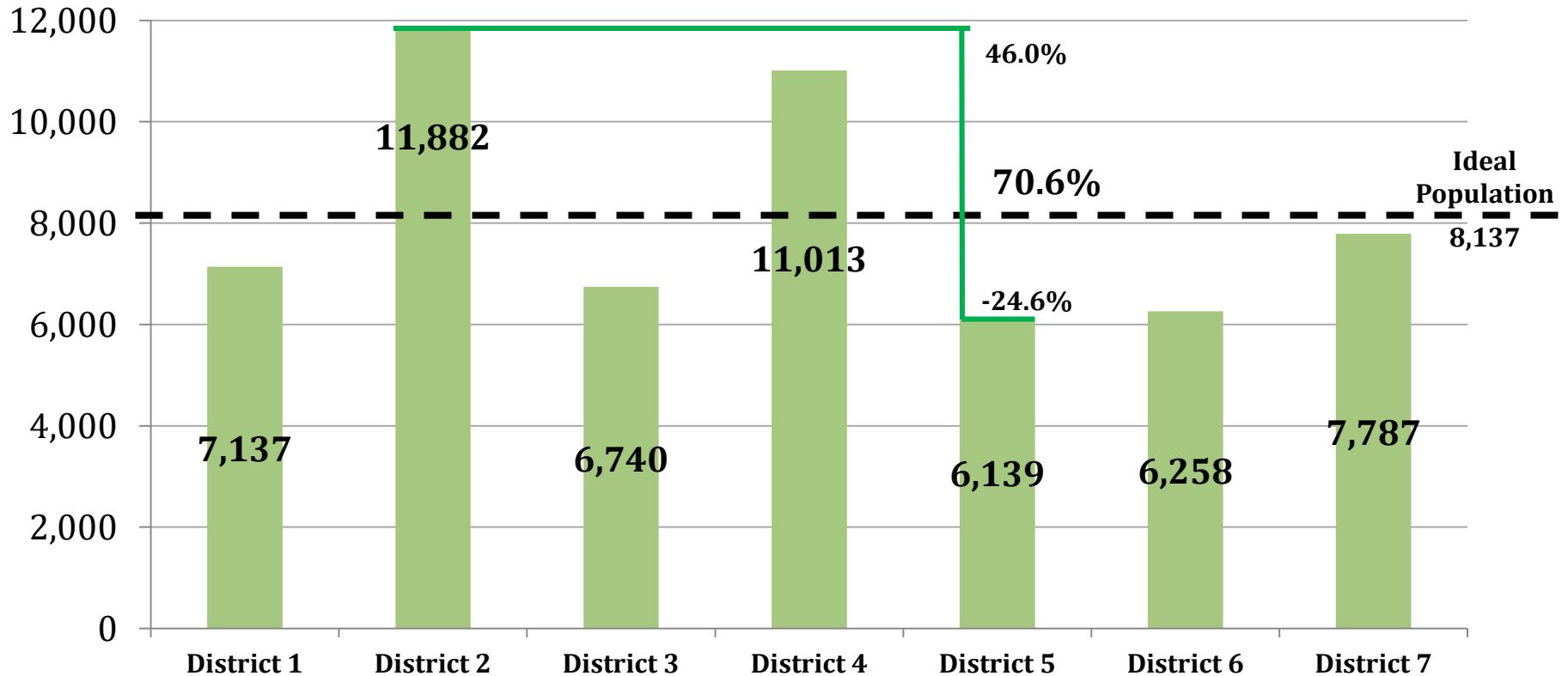
<sup>2</sup> District boundaries were created from a Map and Legal Descriptions proved by the City of Madison, Alabama.

<sup>3</sup> Total population is based on City Limits provided by City of Madison on August 10, 2021.

Sources: US Census 2020 Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Table P1 and P3;

# Benchmark Plan

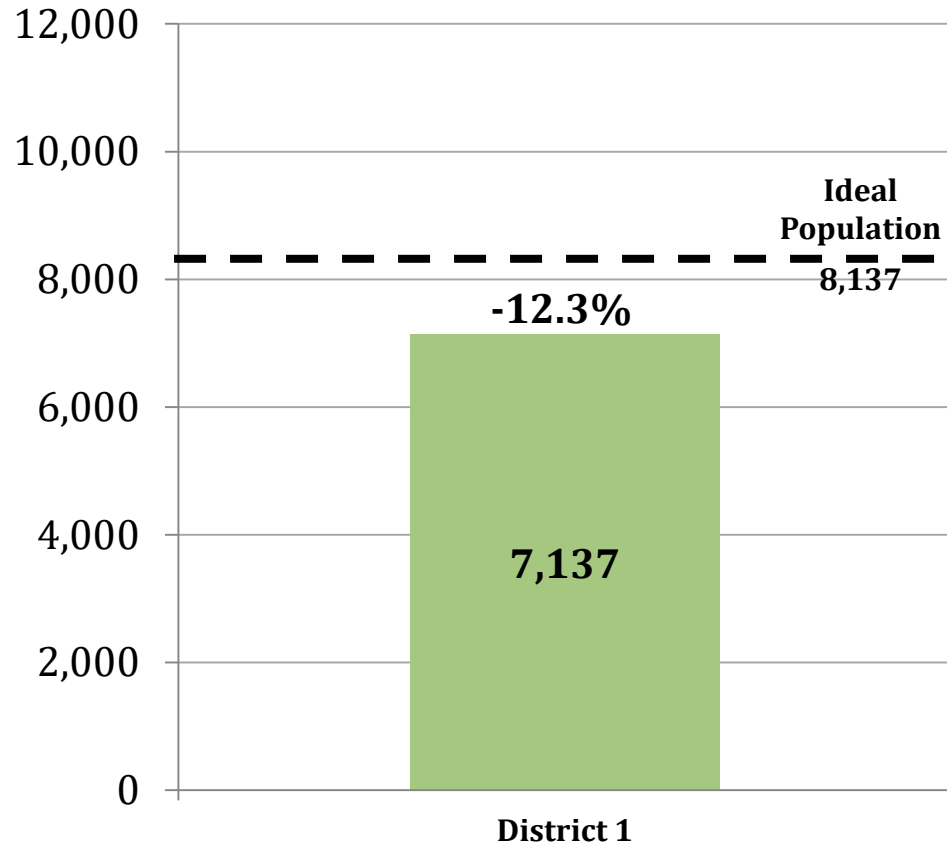
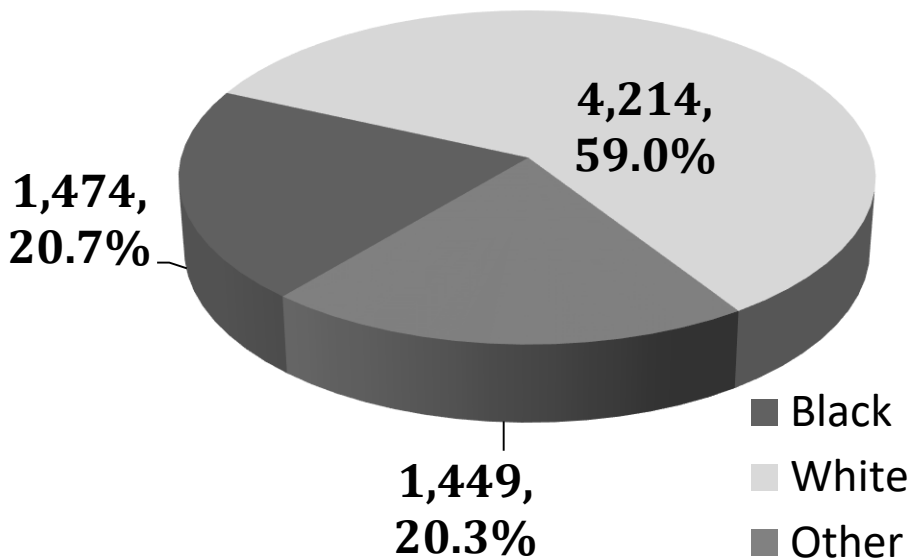
## City Council Districts



City of Madison, AL 2020 Population = 56,956

# District 1

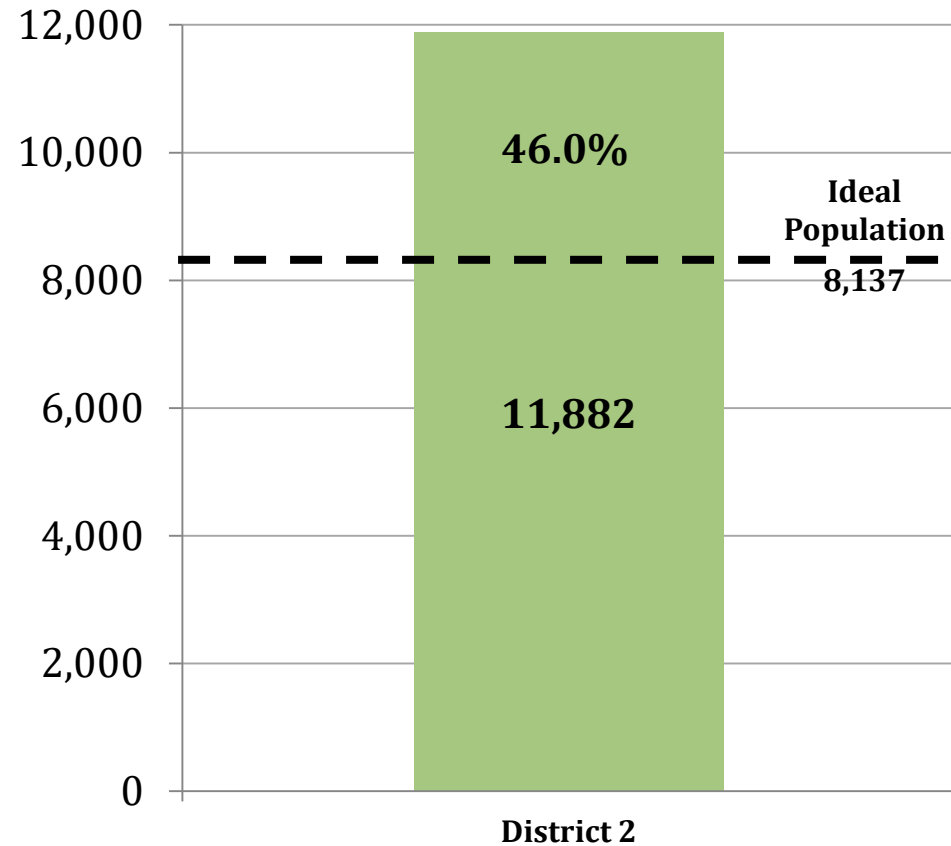
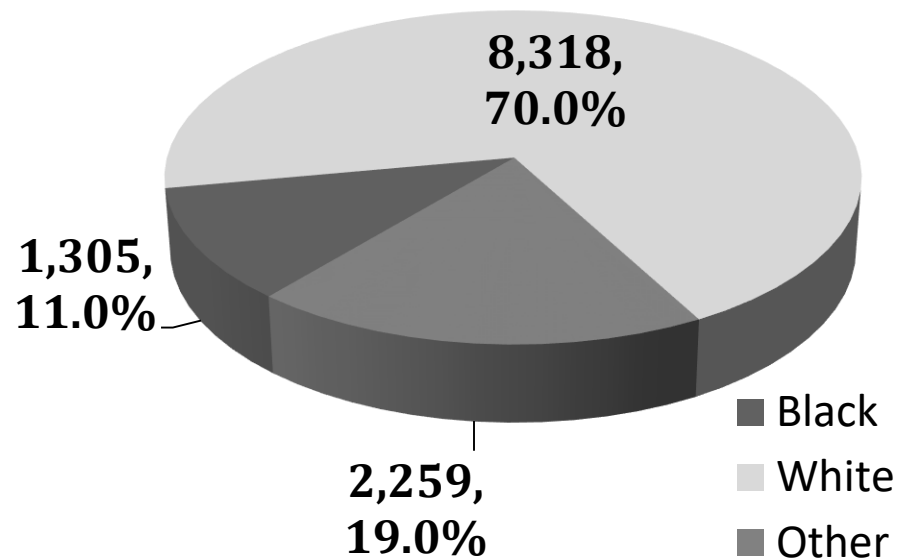
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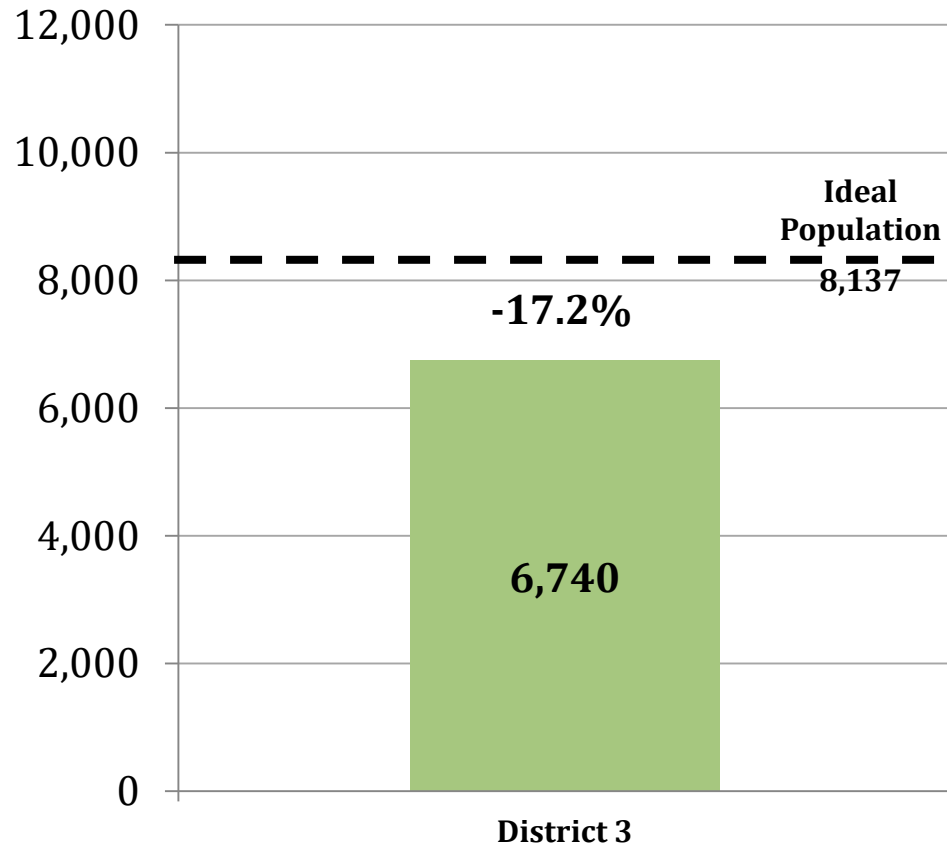
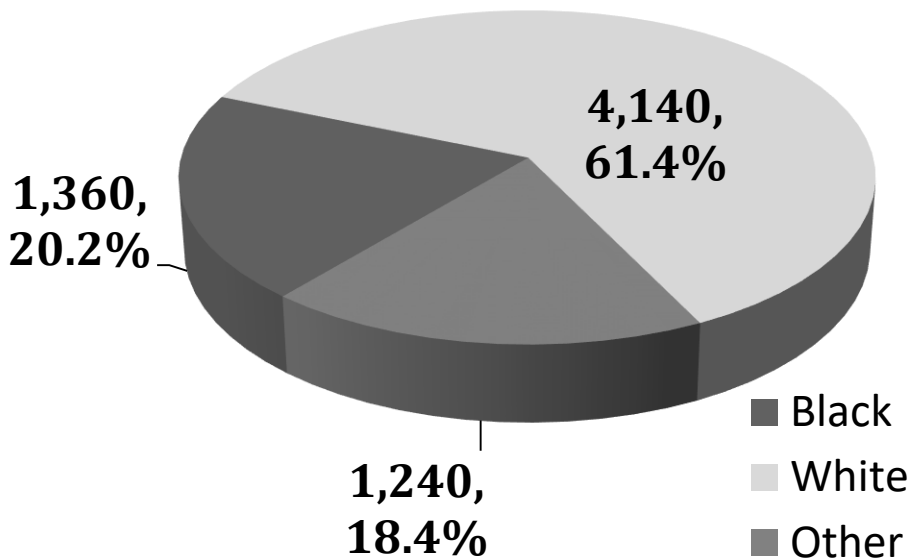
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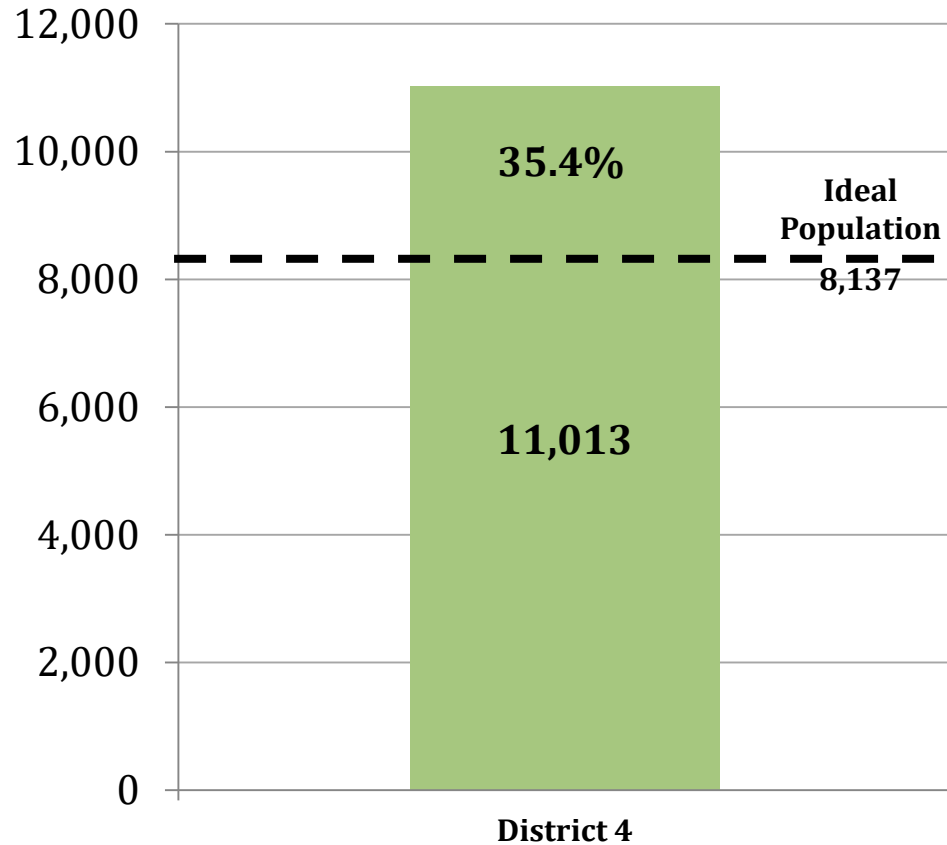
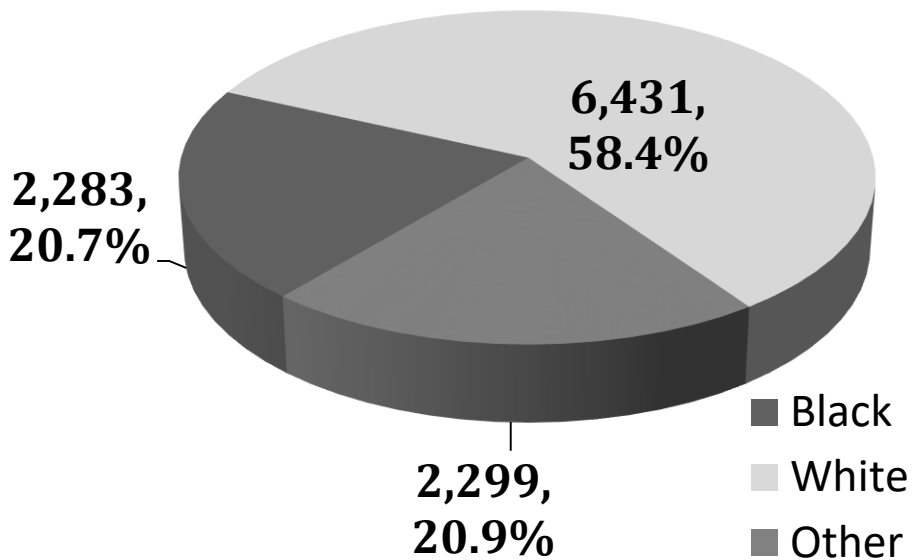
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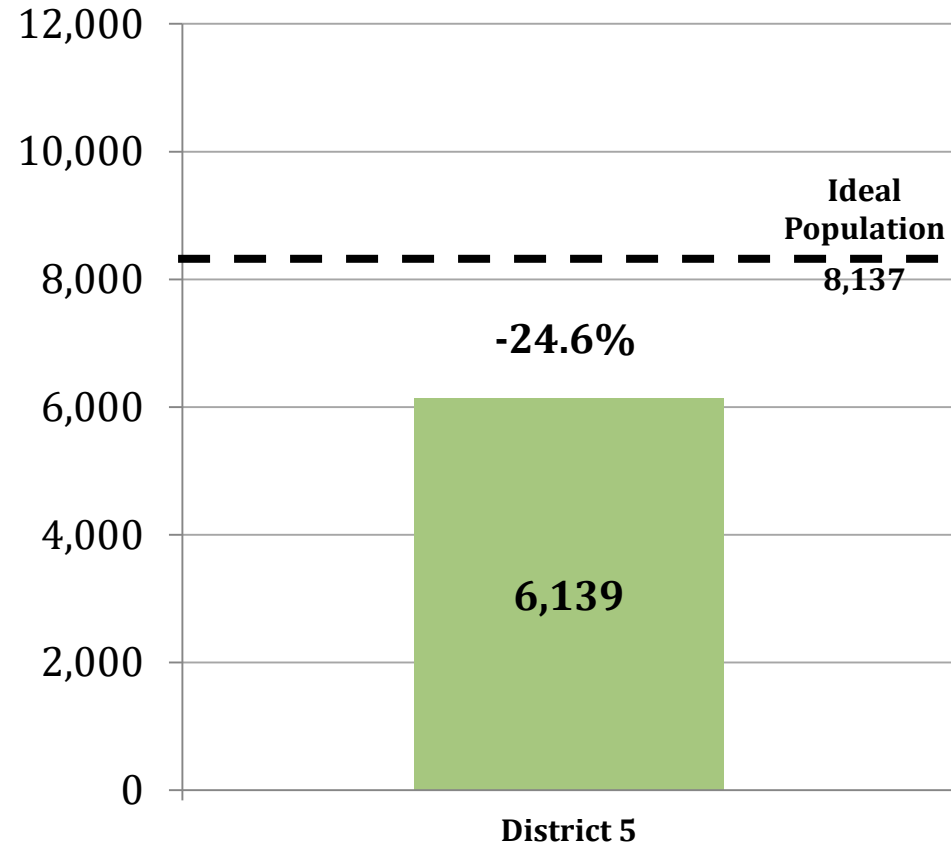
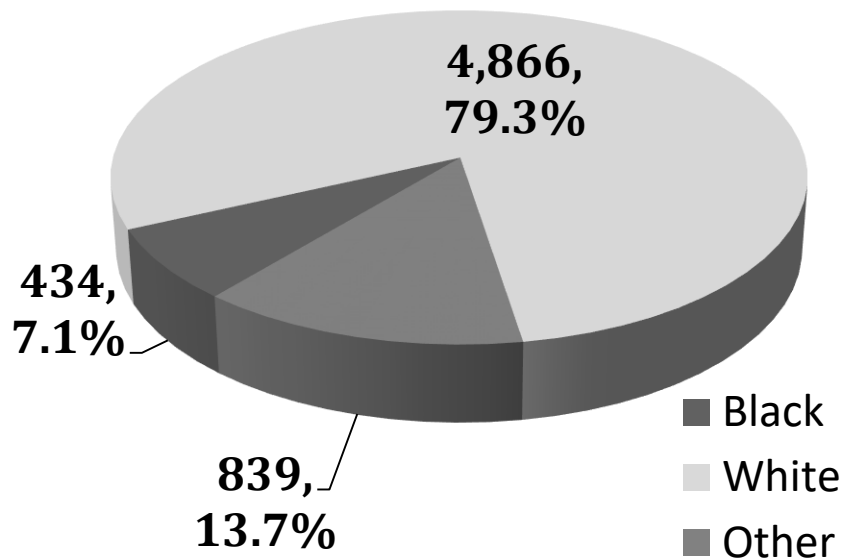


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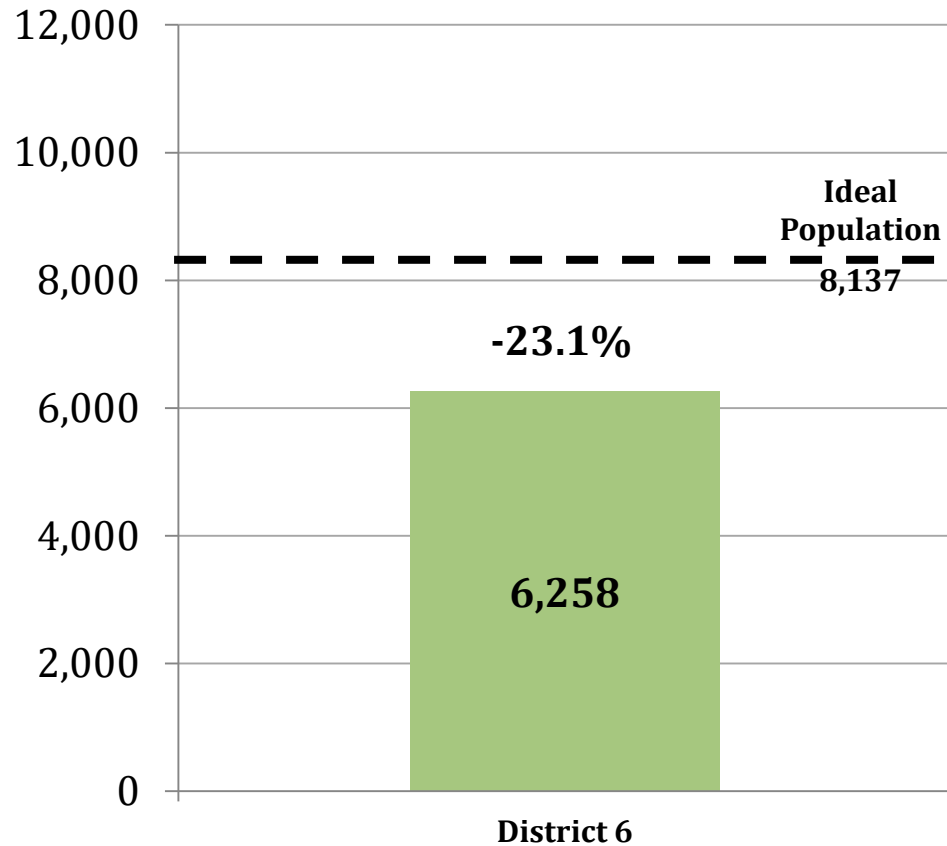
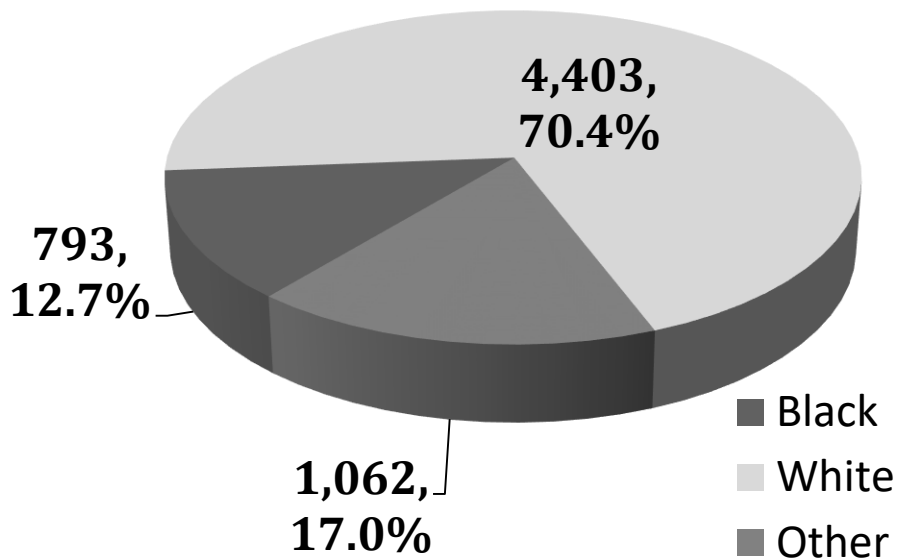
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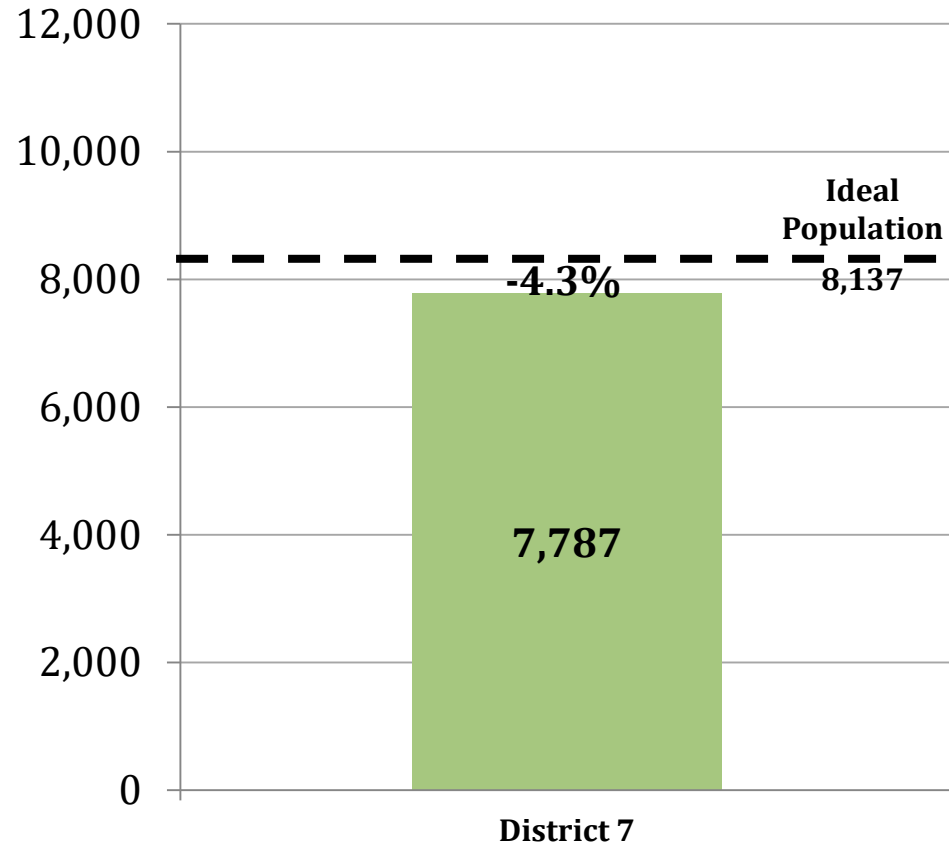
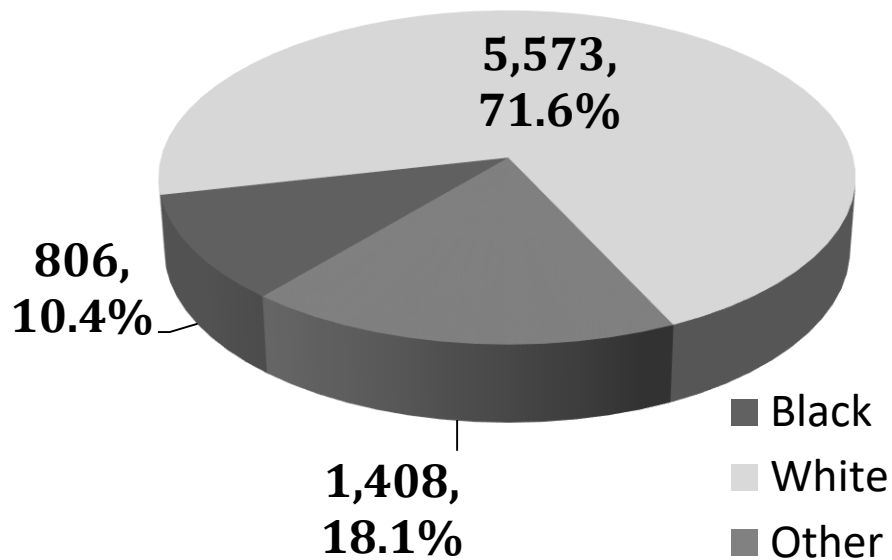
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# District 7

## 2020 Total Population



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